

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the Council of Legal Advisors on October 5.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Roger Allan Moore
General Counsel
Republican National Committee
Room 2400
225 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to address the annual "Date with the Press" event in March of 1988.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Eleanor Miller
Miller & Buccieri
Suite L-4
2501 South Ocean Drive
Hollywood, FL 33019

LNK/WJB/LRC/jzf2
LNK-4

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEGB

July 10, 1987

Dear Gene:

It's good of you to remember your friend
down the street.

I appreciate having Bob Crandall's remarks
on some of the critical concerns presently
facing the airline industry, and I will
review this material as time permits.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Gene E. Overbeck
Senior Vice President
American Airlines
1101 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Trotman:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the Alabama World Affairs Council in the coming months.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. John M. Trotman
President
Alabama World Affairs Council
Center for International Studies
Auburn University at Montgomery
Montgomery, AL 36193-0401

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 GECS

July 10, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter recommending Lawrence Kane for an appointment to the commission to study AIDS-related issues.

It's encouraging for me to have your recommendation, and I'll make sure the appropriate people are aware of Mr. Kane's impressive credentials.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
Taft, Stettinius & Hollister
1800 First National Bank Center
Cincinnati, OH 45202

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: Bob Tuttle w/copy of incoming

July 10, 1987

Dear Guy:

Thank you for your gracious note. I thought the evening went very well, and I enjoyed meeting with your committee members.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Guy Vander Jagt
Chairman
National Republican
Congressional Committee
320 First Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Eckerd:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the Annual Meeting of the PRIDE Board of Directors during the week of November 16.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Jack Eckerd
Chairman
Pride of Florida
Suite 715
611 Druid Road East
Clearwater, FL 33516

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Edley:

Thank you for your kind letter enclosing the updated information concerning UNCF's forthcoming capital campaign.

I appreciate your warm words of support and will certainly keep your letter nearby for future reference.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Christopher F. Edley
President and Chief Executive Officer
United Negro College Fund
500 East 62nd Street
New York, NY 10021

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cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ - Rm. 61 OEOB
Lura Nell Mitchell w/copy of incoming
Fred Ryan w/copy of incoming-FYI
Hector Irastorza w/copy of incoming,
490 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to meet with the members of the 1986-88 District of Columbia Urban Fellows Program.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for your success in this important project.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Benjamin Foster, Jr.
Mayor's Urban Fellows Program
Department of Recreation
Government of the District of Columbia
3149 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20010

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Fox:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about legislation that would increase the minimum wage.

The Administration is opposed to increasing the minimum wage, and it has conveyed this position to the Congress.

Thank you for sharing with me your views on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Skip Fox
Executive Vice President
Club Corporation of America
Plaza Tower, Suite 2700
Knoxville, TN 37929

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. George:

On behalf of the Chief of Staff, I want to thank you for your message.

Although Senator Baker is unable to accept your kind offer, he appreciates your thinking of him and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. James T. George, II
President
Strategic Financial Services, Inc.
Post Office Box 10494
Mt. Washington, MD 21209

SW/LRC/jzf2
SW-6

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 51 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Joe:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the CSIS conference on September 15. It means a great deal to me to be considered for this special occasion.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule will not allow me to accept your kind invitation. Nevertheless, you have my best wishes for a most successful event.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Amos A. Jordan
President and Chief Executive Officer
Center for Strategic and
International Studies
Georgetown University
1800 K Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, DC 20006

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Kruse:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to participate in the Parade of Classics in Auburn, Indiana.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Dean V. Kruse
Kruse International
Post Office Box 190
Auburn, IN 46706

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your gracious note and for enclosing Mike Royko's article. I thoroughly enjoyed the East Room luncheon the other day, and the chance to speak with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Jack A. Kotten
Senior Vice President
Ameritech
30 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Lindley:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the Booneville High School students and parents during their annual Career Night on October 5.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Clyde Lindley
Principal
Booneville High School
Booneville, MS 38829

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter recommending the promotion of Linda Arey to the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Linda's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that she is receiving every consideration in our search for a replacement for Mari Maseng.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Joe M. Baker, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Association of the Wall and
Ceiling Industries, International
25 K Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Becker:

Thank you for your message recommending Judge Richard
Tosner for the position of Associate Justice of the
United States Supreme Court. I am pleased to hear from
you.

As you are aware by now, the President nominated
Judge Robert H. Bork for this important post. I
am enclosing copies of the White House releases in
connection with this nomination.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best
wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Guity Becker
1308 East 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Encls: 7/1/87 ROTP at nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork
7/1/87 WH release re: Judge Robert H. Bork

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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Bork

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Bull:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to speak at Carson-Newman College as you celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution in September.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Bradley W. Bull
President
Student Government
Carson-Newman College
Box 2016
Jefferson City, TN 37760

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to be the principal speaker at the 60th anniversary celebration of Miami University's School of Business Administration.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Harry F. Brooks
Assistant Dean
School of Business Administration
Miami University
104 Laws Hall
Oxford, OH 45056

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Lloyd:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the Alcohol Fuels National Meeting on July 27-28 and for enclosing the photograph.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Lloyd M. Costley
President
International Executive Conferences
Suite 801
1700 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Durkin:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to attend a Republican Party event in Connecticut.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Patrick J. Durkin
The First Boston Corporation
Tower Forty Nine
12 East 49th Street
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Cashin:

Thank you for your message recommending Judge Sol Wachtler for the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I am pleased to hear from you.

As you are aware by now, the President nominated Judge Robert H. Bork for this important post. I am enclosing copies of the White House releases in connection with this nomination.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Francis J. Cashin
219 Gosling Hill
North Hills, NY 11030-4015

Encls: ~~7/1/87~~ ROTP at nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork
~~7/1/87~~ WH release re: Judge Robert H. Bork

~~Cc:~~ Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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#Bork

July 10, 1987

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your letter requesting the President to host a reception at the White House this fall for members of the Jefferson Circle.

I'm happy to forward your message to the White House Scheduling Office. You can be sure it will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Gerald P. Carmen
Chairman
Citizens for America
Suite 320
214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

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cc: Frey Ryan w/incoming letter

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Professor Caldwell:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to be interviewed this fall.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Dan Caldwell
Associate Professor
Pepperdine University
Malibu, CA 90265

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LNM-4

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Caruso:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to attend the 41st Annual Conference of the Society for Imaging Science and Technology in Crystal City next May.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Enrico Caruso
President, Washington Chapter
Society of Photographic Scientists
and Engineers
7500 Greenway Center Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEGB

cc: Lura Nell Mitchell w/incoming letter

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Dayton:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of May 26 concerning our policies in Central America. This Administration shares your concern for the peoples of the region and attaches great importance to improving their economic standard of living and obtaining more freedom in their daily lives.

The crisis in Central America has its roots in a long history of social injustice, maldistribution of national income, government oppression, and closed political systems. Our policy in Central America is designed to address these problems and is guided, in part, by legislation approved by Congress in 1984 known as the Central American Democracy, Peace and Development Initiative. This legislation has four principal goals: strengthening democratic institutions and processes; arresting economic decline and promoting economic stabilization; laying the basis, through structural reform, for sustained economic growth; and increasing equity and spreading the benefits of economic growth. While the media focuses on our military assistance, our economic aid to Central America is nearly four times greater -- \$746 million versus \$189 million in FY 1987.

I agree with you that Nicaragua is the exception in the region but do not view it as a positive one. Unlike the progress in opening their political systems made by its neighbors, the Sandinista regime has increasingly closed its system. The State of Emergency Decree, renewed within hours after the publication of a new constitution on January 9, 1987, suspended basic liberties such as freedom of the press and effectively restrained the activities of the domestic opposition.

The 1979 revolution against Somoza was carried out by a broad-based coalition of which the Sandinistas were only one element. The United States sought to develop a positive relationship with the revolutionary government and was initially the largest bilateral aid donor, providing over \$117 million by early 1981. The Nicaraguan people's hopes for democracy were dashed, however, as the Sandinistas betrayed the revolution and began working to

consolidate their own power -- pushing aside the democratic members of the revolution -- and aligning themselves with the Soviet Bloc and Cuba. The Sandinistas began their military build-up long before the formation of the democratic resistance and have received Soviet Bloc military assistance totalling nearly \$2 billion since 1979.

U.S. policy toward Nicaragua has four objectives: ending Sandinista support for guerrilla groups abroad; severing Nicaragua's military ties to the Soviet Bloc; reduction of Sandinista military strength to a level equal to its neighbors; and fulfillment of Sandinista promises of democracy, political pluralism and respect for human rights.

The Administration does not seek a military solution in the region. The President has strongly supported the efforts of the Contadora nations to achieve a regional peace settlement and we would welcome any agreement that achieved comprehensive, verifiable, and simultaneous implementation of the 1983 Document of Objectives. Similarly, we have welcomed the initiatives of the four Central American presidents launched in Costa Rica last February 15. We are prepared to resume direct negotiations with the Sandinistas when they enter into a serious dialogue with all elements of the opposition, including the democratic resistance. We believe the Sandinista government will not negotiate in earnest unless compelled to do so. Our aid to the resistance gives the Sandinistas an incentive to negotiate seriously.

Again, I appreciate your expressing your views on Central America. Please give my best to Carol.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. David D. Dayton
1332 Monk Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Carroll:

Thank you for your message recommending Judge William W. Wilkins, Jr. for the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I am pleased to hear from you.

As you are aware by now, the President nominated Judge Robert H. Bork for this important post. I am enclosing copies of the White House releases in connection with this nomination.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.
Governor of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29211

Encls: 7/1/87 ROTP at nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork
7/1/87 WH release re: Judge Robert H. Bork

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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#Bork

July 10, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your message recommending Judge William Webster for the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I am pleased to hear from you.

As you are aware by now, the President nominated Judge Robert H. Bork for this important post. I am enclosing copies of the White House releases in connection with this nomination.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Richard T. Burress
Associate Director
Hoover Institution on War,
Revolution and Peace
Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305-6010

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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Bork

July 10, 1987

Dear Alec:

Thank you for your message recommending Judge Peter T. Fay for the position of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I am pleased to hear from you.

As you are aware by now, the President nominated Judge Robert H. Bork for this important post. I am enclosing copies of the White House releases in connection with this nomination.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Alec P. Courtelis
Suite 500
1101 Brickell Avenue
Miami, FL 33131

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7/1/87 WH release re: Judge Robert H. Bork

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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July 10, 1987

Dear Paula:

I appreciate your sending the article from the Orlando Sentinel on the President's recent visit to Melbourne. The President thoroughly enjoyed his trip to your home state, and I'm sure he will get a kick out of these clips. Hope you are well.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Paula Hawkins
1214 Park Avenue, North
Winter Park, FL 32789

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for inviting me to the "Federal Conference on the Commercial Applications of Superconductivity" on July 28 in Washington.

I am very much interested in the topics you will be discussing, and I only wish I could make it to the conference. Regrettably, though, I must decline the invitation due to the heavy demands of my schedule.

I appreciate your thinking of me and send my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable William R. Graham
Science Adviser to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Bertha:

I am delighted to send my congratulations on your 96th birthday.

You are a credit to the Baker family and to the great state of Tennessee. I hope that your special day is filled with the memories of a lifetime full of wonderful achievements and with the love and laughter of family and friends who rightly care for you so dearly.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Bertha Baker Miller
c/o Mrs. Edith Matlock
Route 1, Box 315
Kingston, TN 37763

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Ms. Spears:

Thank you for sending along additional information concerning the Town Hall luncheon meetings. As I told James Miscoll, I am honored that you would think of asking me to address a meeting in the fall.

Although it is too far in advance for any decision at this point, I will be happy to give your offer every consideration if you could send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Fran Spears
President
Town Hall of California
523 West Sixth Street, Suite 232
Los Angeles, CA 90014-1099

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cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ Rm. 61 OEOB
~~Lura Neil Mitchell~~-FYI

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Seigel:

Thank you for your follow-up letter inviting me to participate in an Ohio Republican Party fundraiser sometime this year.

I am sorry to send a disappointing response, but the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind invitation. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful fundraising event.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul Seigel
Finance Director
Ohio Republican Party
172 East State Street, Suite 401
Columbus, OH 43215-4387

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter enclosing an invitation to Mrs. Reagan to attend the Stouffer fundraiser this fall benefitting the Vanderbilt Institute for the Treatment of Addictions.

I'm happy to forward your invitation to the First Lady's Scheduling Office. You can be sure it will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Ted Welch
Park Place
2317 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
Natasha Wieschenberg w/incoming
letter, 2nd FL EW

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of May 4 regarding the trade bill.

I welcome your statement that China is committed to a further expansion of bilateral trade and investment. I can assure you that the United States is equally committed to this goal. I know that the opening of your market is a difficult undertaking and I commend your government for its efforts in this regard. The growth in U.S.-China trade since 1979 has been very impressive, and the further expansion of trade and investment can only bolster the already strong ties of commerce and friendship between our two nations.

For this reason, I understand and share your concern about the dangers of protectionist trade legislation. The Administration strongly opposes legislative proposals that would reduce access to the U.S. market and constrain the President's authority over trade. We are working with Congress to ensure that these proposals are not enacted into law. I completely agree with you that the enactment of ill-conceived trade legislation could only have an adverse effect on our bilateral trade relations and squander opportunities for the further expansion of trade with China. We will do everything in our power to ensure that this does not occur.

In the past, your government has expressed concern about the application of the U.S. antidumping law to Chinese goods. To address these concerns, the President has sent to Congress a major proposal to amend the U.S. antidumping law with respect to non-market economy countries, like the People's Republic of China. The President's proposal would establish a benchmark in antidumping cases based on the price of a comparable product from the market economy with the lowest average import price in the United States. It is designed to address concerns regarding the arbitrariness and unpredictability of the non-market economy provisions of current law.

We believe that the artificial pricing approach represents the best practical solution to a difficult and controversial issue. We commend your government's decision to move to a more market-oriented economic structure and to join GATT. Nevertheless, I hope that you will understand that until Chinese prices are determined entirely by market forces, it is necessary to resort to some type of market-driven benchmark in order to determine whether sales have been made at "less than fair value" under our antidumping law. The GATT recognizes and endorses this practice. While any surrogate pricing approach to dumping necessarily involves a degree of arbitrariness, the President's proposal is highly favorable to non-market economy countries. In all cases, it would permit a non-market economy producer to sell at the same price as the most efficient market economy exporter to the United States. I believe this proposal, in fact, would permit a significant expansion of trade.

Thank you for conveying your government's views on this difficult and controversial issue. I hope that you will keep in touch as the trade bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

His Excellency
Han Xu
Ambassador of the People's
Republic of China
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mrs. Dalby and Mrs. Henritzzy:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to attend the 1987 Planned Parenthood Holiday Mart Patron Preview Party.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mrs. Ronald K. Dalby
Mrs. Charles L. Henritzzy
Planned Parenthood League, Inc.
1553 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1337
Detroit, MI 48226

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 CEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I was honored that you thought of asking me to meet with you while you were in Washington.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for your continued success.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John Eldridge Allen
Apartment 2
7339 Southwest 82nd Street
South Miami, FL 33143

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HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB